

REMARKS

Claims 16, 18-30 and 47-51 are pending.

Double Patenting

According to the instant Office Action, Claims 16, 18-30 and 47-51 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,903,366.

A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321 is being submitted concurrent with the instant response, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

Conclusions

In light of the above remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

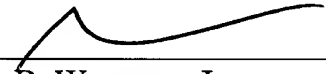
Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully asserted that Claims 16, 18-30 and 47-51 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, allowance of these claims is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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